

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully traverses the Restriction Requirement and requests reconsideration of this requirement in light of the remarks that follow, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.143.

MPEP § 803, in relevant part, states that:

“[i]f the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions.”

Applicant respectfully submits that the Examiner will not be seriously burdened in his search in considering the inventions described in the restricted claims. Therefore, the restriction requirement should be withdrawn.

With the above election and accompanying traversal of the Restriction Requirement and Species Requirement, it is respectfully submitted that the Application is now in condition for examination on the merits.

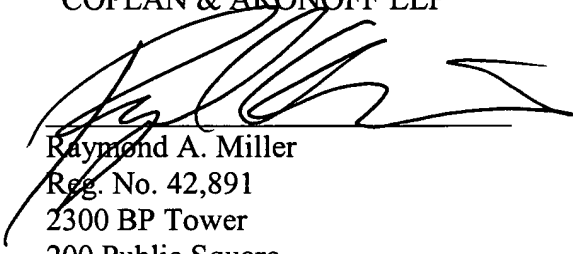
Though Applicant believes that no fees are due in connection with this Response, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees that may be due, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 02-2051.

Respectfully submitted,

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